In the Matter of the Petition

of

CHESTER J. and CECILIA M. MURPHY

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State of New York County of Albany

John Huhn

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that

Whe is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 24th day of April , 1978, XX served the within

Notice of Decision

by (certified) mail upon Chester J. & Cecilia M.

Murphy

KYPYXXXVXXXXXXXX the petitioner in the within proceeding,

John Huhn

by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed

as follows: Chester J. & Cecilia M. Murphy

69 Vreeland Avenue

Nutley, New Jersey 07110

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

Sworn to before me this

24th day of April

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JAMES H. TULLY JR., PRESIDENT MILTON KOERNER THOMAS H. LYNCH STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION TAX APPEALS BUREAU ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

April 24, 1978

Chester J. & Cecilia M. Murphy 69 Vreeland Avenue Nutley, New Jersey 07110

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Murphy:

Please take notice of the **Decision** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 Months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Sincerely,

Joseph Chiriwaty Hearing Examiner

Taxing Bureau's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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CHESTER J. and CECILIA M. MURPHY : DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or : for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for : the Year 1971.

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Petitioners, Chester J. and Cecilia M. Murphy, 69 Vreeland Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1971 (File No. 13331).

A small claims hearing was held before Harry Huebsch, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on October 26, 1976 at 10:45 A.M. Petitioner Chester J. Murphy appeared <u>pro se</u> and for his wife, petitioner Cecilia M. Murphy. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Frank Levitt, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether a loss sustained by nonresident petitioners during 1971 was a business or non-business bad debt.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioners, Chester J. and Cecilia M. Murphy, filed a
 New York State income tax nonresident return for 1971 in which a
 \$20,000.00 loss was deducted from income. The Income Tax Bureau
 contended that the loss was a non-business bad debt, reportable
 as a short-term capital loss and, as such, not deductible by
 nonresident petitioners. A Notice of Deficiency was issued
 January 28, 1974 against petitioners, Chester J. and Cecilia M.
 Murphy, for the year 1971 in the amount of \$1,981.98 in personal
 income tax, plus \$212.33 in interest, for a total due of \$2,194.31.
- 2. Petitioner Chester J. Murphy was employed in New York State by Francis I. duPont and Company as a branch office manager. In 1969 said company announced the establishment of a trust for the benefit of employees who had demonstrated qualities of leadership and ability. The selected employees were invited to subscribe to the trust in units of \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00 on which 6% interest per annum would be paid, plus a percentage of the company's net profit. The announcement stated that, had the trust been in existence, a total return on the investment would have been made of over 30% in 1967 and 18% in 1968. The subscribed monies would go into a trust which would lend these funds to Francis I. duPont and Company.
- 3. Chester J. Murphy contended that any selected employee who failed to invest in the trust would not be considered for future promotions. No evidence was submitted to show that the present or future

employment of any qualified employee was in jeopardy if he failed to subscribe. In 1971 the loan made to Francis I. duPont and Company by the trust was declared worthless when the company was taken over by another party.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the loss sustained by petitioners, Chester J. and Cecilia M. Murphy, in the year 1971 was a non-business bad debt, to be treated as a short-term capital loss in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 166 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. That since the loss was a non-business bad debt reportable as a short-term capital loss, it is not deductible for purposes of New York State income tax by nonresident petitioners in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 632 of the New York Tax Law.
- C. That the petition of Chester J. and Cecilia M. Murphy is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued January 28, 1974 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York
April 24, 1978

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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